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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Examiner

Rodney G. McDonald

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 27-100 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,27-77 and 82-98 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 78-81,99 and 100 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1-17-07.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

It is not clear that Equation (5) submitted in the amendment of January 17, 2007 should be inserted between paragraphs [0134] and [0135]. The specification is not clear when the equation is inserted there. Also, Equation (5) has already been submitted in a preliminary amendment of September 13, 2004 inserting the equation in paragraph [0125]

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 78, lines 14 and 15, is indefinite because "the e-beam evaporator" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 78, line 16, is indefinite because "the e-beam evaporator" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 78, lines 34 and 35, is indefinite because "the at least one metal vapor or sputter deposition plasma source" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 78, line 36, is indefinite because "the at least one metal vapor or sputter deposition plasma source" lacks antecedent basis.

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Claim 78, line 37, is indefinite because "the metal vapor source" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 79 is indefinite because "the e-beam evaporator" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 81 is indefinite because is indefinite because "the e-beam evaporator" lacks antecedent basis.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 27-77 and 82-98 are allowed.

Claims 78-81, 99 and 100 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 1, 27-100 are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record does not show the claimed magnetic features and conductors of the claimed methods and apparatus.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 11-30-06 and 1-17-07 have been fully considered.

Applicant's arguments have overcome the rejections. Applicant's amendment generated some new antecedent basis problems discussed above in the new 35 U.S.C. 112 2nd paragraph rejections. An objection to the specification has been made addressing the addition of the equation.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney G. McDonald whose telephone number is 571-272-1340. The examiner can normally be reached on M- Th with Every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nam X. Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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